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TRIED TO KILL HERSELF

Early Morning Interruption of Players' Club Gaiety.

Dependent Wife of the Cafe Manager Drinks Paris Green in the Street—Had Just Returned From the Post-Graduate Hospital and Been Rejected by Her Husband.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The attempted suicide of a young and handsome woman at the Players' Club, No. 16 Gramercy Park, early this morning, at which time the house was thronged with actors and their guests, caused an excitement that marred the pleasure of many a supper party then in progress.

The woman, Mrs. Mary Albrecht, twenty-two years old, is the wife of John Albrecht, manager of the club's cafe. They have been separated for some time past and yesterday she was discharged from the post-graduate hospital where she had been under treatment for some weeks.

It was 2:30 o'clock this morning when she walked into the club and asked for her husband. Her face, though very pale and thin, was so comely as to excite comment from club members who happened to notice her as she entered. They also remarked upon her weakly appearance and one of them handed her a chair, into which she sank with every evidence of being overcome with fatigue.

When her husband approached the greeting between them was very cold and formal. He drew her to one side and was heard to caution her to conduct her conversation in low tones. She obeyed, but at times when her voice rose above its usual pitch it was plain that her words were those of entreaty. It was noticed that, while she talked, she kept her hands convulsed under a light shawl that was flung over her shoulders.

Albrecht's replies to her requests were either in monosyllables or in negative answers. At the head of the table, the woman, who it was learned later, was begging her husband to take her back to his home, made a final appeal. The man was heard to mutter something. The woman said later that he told her she had better go and kill herself. He turned angrily from her and left her standing alone, mutely watching him until he disappeared into the night.

The dejected woman then turned away and left the place. A moment later a piercing scream came from the street. John Albrecht, of 19 St. Edwards Street, Brooklyn, and Joseph Grashelm, of 120 Broadway, ran out and found her writhing in agony on the sidewalk. They carried her between them into the clubhouse vestibule where the members and their guests, who had suddenly arisen from their tables, had congregated. The woman clutched in her hand a tumbler in which remained a few drops of green fluid.

To a doctor who questioned her she acknowledged that she had drunk almost a tumbler full of water containing Paris green. She had brought the bottle with her, the poison, concealed under her shawl, to the club, determined to end her life, should her husband refuse to consent to a reconciliation.

"When he told me to kill myself," she said, "he gave me the courage to do so." The woman was forced to take an emetic, and this prompt action saved her life. She was then taken to the police station, where the woman, after a brief stay at the police station, reached Bellevue Hospital, further antidotes were given her and she was soon pronounced out of danger. Mrs. Albrecht refused to say anything further at either the police station or the hospital.

BORNE AWAY BY A GHOST.

A Tale of the Supernatural From Danbury, Conn.

DANBURY, Conn., March 20.—A remarkable story, involving both the supernatural and the material, is circulating in Danbury, Conn. It is the story of a woman, Margaret Pettit, of 23 Grove Street, Brooklyn, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Lee, wife of a prominent citizen here, who foundered in bed Sunday morning. She had retired in seeming perfect health.

Her daughter, seriously ill in another room, gave the alarm which led to the discovery of the mother's dead body and to the remarkable story which has fairly bewildered Danbury.

Mrs. Lee, as the result of a recent surgical operation, was confined to her bed, slowly convalescing. The mother, apparently in robust health, retired late Saturday night. She did not appear at breakfast Sunday morning, but greeted her son-in-law cheerfully when he entered her room at noon and placed fruit and coffee at her bedside. Mrs. Pettit was habitual to a late riser, and breakfast in bed was with her a matter of course.

A short time after Mr. Lee had left Mrs. Pettit's apartment, her daughter says she saw the well-known figure of her father, dead sixteen years, pass along the hall and enter the room occupied by her mother.

Distinctly, she declares, she heard her father's voice say: "Margaret, come with me." "Overcome with fright, unable either to move or scream," Mrs. Pettit, in recounting her mysterious experience, "lay with eyes fixed on the door of my mother's room and ears strained to catch the slightest sound. Clearly I heard my mother's answer to my father's command. Her words were indistinct, but the tone implied her willingness to go."

"An instant later the door swung noiselessly open and my father stepped across the threshold, carrying mother tenderly in his arms. They vanished as I looked at them."

Mrs. Lee, recovering her voice, cried out to her husband as the apparition passed away. "Something has happened to mother," she shouted. "Go to her! Go quickly!" Mr. Lee tried to soothe the hysterical woman, then, to humor her, went to the mother's room. Mrs. Pettit was dead in bed.

CHURCHMEN COME TO BLOWS.

Colored Religionists Indulge in a Lively Row.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., March 20.—When Lewis Armstrong, "king" of the colored settlement of Bucto, met Rev. Christopher Jackson, pastor of the church there, on the turnpike near here yesterday, they came together. There had been a controversy between the two men over an imitation gold watch, which the preacher had "chanced off" among the members of his congregation, and was won by one of the sisters, who had invested \$6 in the scheme. As she did not receive the watch as promptly as she anticipated, she entered a complaint with "King" Armstrong, who proceeded to investigate the preacher's conduct.

High words ensued. "King" Lewis offered to drive the preacher to Mount Holly to prove that the business was not being done on the square, whereupon, it is charged, the preacher hit the "king" on the nose, knocking him headlong out of his wagon, and picked up the seat of the wagon to finish the job, when a stout colored woman rushed from a house and held the preacher so that he was unable to do any great damage.

Armstrong was bruised severely, and drove to Mount Holly, where he had a warrant issued for Jackson's arrest on the charge of assault and battery. He was furnished, and the scuffling parson took the next train for Burlington.

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FIFTEEN PERSONS HURT

A Disastrous Trolley Car Collision in Newark, N. J.

On a Down Grade a Motor Dashes Into One Ahead—Panic of the Passengers—Pulled From the Debris of the Wreck Fainting and Bleeding—The Motorman Lost Control.

NEW YORK, March 20.—At least fifteen persons were injured in a rear end trolley car collision at Belleville Avenue and Clark Street, in Newark, N. J., last night. Several are so severely hurt that they may die, but the wonder is that they were not killed outright.

Belleville car No. 708 crashed at full speed into Newark and Paterson car No. 278, which had stopped to let off passengers and had scarcely gotten under way again. Both vehicles were south bound.

Among the injured are: Joseph Sullivan, No. 46 John Street, Belleville, head and arm hurt.

Mrs. Emma Kirk, No. 178 Bank Street, internal injuries and head cut.

Mrs. Rose Waynuss, No. 149 Summit Street; head and body cut and bruised.

Daniel Walhaus, No. 2 Railroad Place, Woodside, head badly injured.

Mrs. Annie Coelin, Belleville, head and arm hurt.

Mrs. Rose F. Bird, No. 308 North Fifth Street, Harrison, arm broken.

Jennie Dolan, Harrison, body injured and probably internally hurt.

George Buchanan, No. 146 Verona Avenue, head and body hurt.

James Heffernan, Belleville, head, arm and hand hurt.

Alexander Meeker, Plane Street, legs and head hurt.

When the collision occurred both cars were well filled with passengers. It came with scarcely an instant's warning, and in a struggling mass. Everyone was fighting for himself or herself. Women were screaming and men were yelling.

Women fainted from fright and from sight of the blood which was flowing from faces and hands. Men in the crowd gathered around the cars and carried the injured and fainting men and women to neighboring streets and dwellings, where they were treated by physicians.

Dr. Sweeney, near the scene of the accident, was converted into a temporary hospital. As fast as those who had fainted had revived they were taken to their homes in cabs, and the others were taken home in ambulances or cabs furnished by the trolley company, as soon as their injuries could be attended to.

Several of the most seriously hurt were accompanied to their homes by physicians at the request of the trolley company officials, who reached the scene shortly after the accident. Much feeling was shown by the crowd against the motorman of the Belleville car, and if anyone had been killed it is a struggling mass. Everyone was fighting for himself or herself. Women were screaming and men were yelling.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Gage entertained a box party at the National Theatre last night. The guests were Mrs. Stanley Brown, Miss Mary Barber, Miss Mabel McKinley, and Mr. Vanderbilt, the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. The trip to and from the theatre was made in an automobile.

Miss Paulding is making a short visit to New York.

Miss Matilda Smalley, founder of the American National Institute in Paris, who is in Washington to advance the interests of that enterprise, will be, during her limited stay prior to an early return to France, the guest of Mrs. John C. Goodrich, 24 Iowa Circle.

An audience composed of several hundred fashionable people attended the recitation of the tragedy of "Julius Caesar," by Mr. Marshall Darrach, last night, at the residence of Senator and Mrs. Cushman K. Davis.

The monologist stood on a platform erected at the rear end of the dining room, with a good deal of care by Alonzo L. Miles and myself. Mr. Miles and I are going to press for a speedy hearing before the proper committee of the Senate and House, where, I presume, will be the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

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MAYLAND'S OYSTER BILL

Proposed Legislation to Promote a Profitable Industry.

A Shellfish Commissioner Provided For—Natural Beds to Be Exempt. Not More Than Three Hundred Acres to Be Leased to One Person. The General Situation at Present.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 20.—A general Oyster Planting bill was presented last evening both in the Senate and in the House of Delegates. The bill is entitled "An act to establish and promote the industry of oyster culture in the State of Maryland."

The bill provides that all natural beds or bars shall be excluded from the operation of the act. Subject to this qualification the right is given to any bona-fide residents of Maryland to plant and cultivate oysters upon any land covered by the waters of this State.

The bill provides for the office of Shellfish Commissioner of Maryland. The term of the office is four years and the salary \$5,000 per annum. Provision is also made for the employment of a chief clerk upon a salary of \$1,500, with not more than three additional assistants. The Commissioner is allowed to employ a competent surveyor, who shall also be a hydrographic engineer, upon a salary not exceeding \$2,500.

The Commissioner is directed to prepare a set of maps, each map to represent a district of the bay. When the map for any district shall have been finished the district shall be declared open for oyster culture, and applicants who shall be bona-fide and responsible residents of Maryland shall be given the right to take up land not exceeding 300 acres to any one person. The land shall be leased and not sold. The leases are to run twenty years, and the rental is to be fixed yearly sum, to be named by the Commissioner, not less than \$1 and not more than \$2 per acre per annum.

Provision is made for a clear and simple set of terms of conveyance, and several assignments of land to be used for oyster culture.

Among the general provisions of the bill the following may be noted as important. Owners of land bordering on the bay or its tributaries are given the first right to take up oyster lands adjacent to their property, not exceeding, however, 300 acres to any one person. No assignments made to non-residents are valid, and no person, firm, or corporation are permitted to acquire more than 300 acres of oyster land. The revenues arising from the operation of the act are to be applied in the following manner: First, to the payment of all salaries, expenses, and disbursements authorized by this act; second, to the support of the State fishery force, in so far as it is revenues arising from the general oyster laws of the State; and third, the balance, if any, to be paid into the treasury of the State.

H. Howard Hanson, who has studied the oyster question for years, came to Annapolis with the draft of the bill and made the following statement regarding it:

The bill was prepared with a good deal of care by Alonzo L. Miles and myself. Mr. Miles and I are going to press for a speedy hearing before the proper committee of the Senate and House, where, I presume, will be the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

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THE IRRIGATION OF LAND

Regions Where Artificial Rain Is in Demand.

Rice Fields Would Suffer if Dependence Alone Upon the Gentle Showers—Lessons Available From Practical Results in Spanish Agricultural Precincts—Moors Workers.

The absolute necessity of irrigating the soil in some parts of this country is no less than it is in some portion of the southern continent of Europe, where the region, though not to be considered arid, is yet unblest with rain in sufficient quantities to assure a cultivation of the numerous crops.

The rice fields of the South furnish the most potent illustration of this fact. The most productive rice lands are always irrigated. This is assumed in a recent statement from the National Irrigation Association affirming that "over a hundred thousand acres of rice are irrigated in Louisiana, and the method employed by the planters place them at the head of the world in rice culture. Their advantage lies in irrigating in such manner that they can cut their crops by machines instead of by the ordinary method of the hand-sickle. Rice irrigation contemplates a complete flooding of the field and leaving the roots under water, rice being an aquatic plant. This being the case the only way left for harvesting is for the negroes to wade into the marsh and cut the grain by hand. The Louisiana planters, however, lay their fields off in plate and throw up furrows around them, forming little walls or levees. Then at the proper time the water is turned in and the rice grows.

"When the grain is just about matured these miniature walls are broken down, and the water run off. After several days the ground is dry and firm enough to allow horses and machines to go in and harvest it as they would wheat or other grains. This places the rice crop of Louisiana abreast of these other crops, whereas under the old method it is a hundred years to the rear. What would next year's wheat crop be if its harvest were dependent upon skies? And yet with the exception of these Louisiana fields, the rice crop of the South is today irrigated and cut as it was a century before Brigham Young's followers laid out their first ditch in the wilds of Utah."